

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-30

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3634

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9964

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR JA KS

SUBJ: VISIT OF FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIAN DIVISION DIRECTOR

1. FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIAN DIVISION DIRECTOR SEO WILL VISIT SEOUL AUG 1-4 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY AND ROK OFFICIALS. HE WOULD VALUE CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH DCM ERICSON AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS.

2. SEO TOLD EMBOFF THAT VISIT, WHICH ONLY DECIDED JULY 30, BASED ON NEED TO GET ON-THE-SPOT FEEL FOR SITUATION AND HOPES THAT ROK WILL HAVE SOME ANSWERS ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE. JAPANESE POLICE ARE PLANNING FOR PURELY PRACTICAL REASONS TO DISMANTLE ELABORATE SPECIAL UNIT ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE KIM ABDUCTION. SEO WANTS TO ENSURE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION, WHICH COULD COME NEXT WEEK, NOT MISINTERPRETED BY ROK AS SIGN THAT GOJ HAS SOFTENED POSITION ON KIM OR IS LOSING INTEREST IN CASE. (HE NOTED THAT ACTION STILL VERY SENSITIVE IN JAPAN AND URGED THAT IT BE TIGHTLY HELD.) IN ADDITION, SEO NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH WAY HIS EMBASSY IN SEOUL IS HANDLING RESIDENT JAPANESE PRESS AND WANTS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM.

3. SEO WOULD VALUE CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH DCM ERICSON AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN KOREA AND FUTURE POLICY IMPLICATIONS DURING HIS STAY.

4. COMMENT: WE AWARE OF TRADITIONAL ROK SENSITIVITY TOWARD  
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US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS WHICH SHARPENED BY RECENT BILATERAL

PLANNING TALKS. ON JULY 30, ROK EMBASSY IN TOKYO MADE  
LOW-LEVEL REQUEST TO FONOFF FOR INFORMATION ON CONTENT OF  
MEETINGS. (FONOFF GAVE STANDARD REPLY THAT  
BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, SUBSTANCE OF TALKS NOT RELEASED.)  
NEVERTHELESS WE HOPE THAT EMBASSY WILL WELCOME SEO, WHO  
HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE WITH  
US.  
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